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vote for Governor will cast one vote for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor candidates who are members of the same party?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct. That's my understanding.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If that is the case, why do we have to make references to political party affiliation at the time that one of these persons who is running for Governor...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...makes a selection?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, Senator Chambers, we perhaps don't have to in the constitution, and I suggested in my opening remarks on this kill motion that we might want to do it statutorily. But I would like to see us do it in some legislation before we actually pass this, so that people will know what our intentions are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schimek, and my time is just about up on this, but I've turned on my light.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Senator Schrock, please.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, if LR 14CA becomes law, I will offer enabling legislation next year, perhaps one of you will offer enabling legislation next year, perhaps Senator Schimek will offer enabling legislation next year, and it will go through Government Committee, and at that time the Government Committee will decide whether they...how they want this to proceed. I'm not on the Government Committee. Adrian Smith, you'll still be on the Government Committee, or Senator Smith, and you can help decide how this should be crafted; should our statutes say that both members are from the same party. But I would just remind you, I would just remind you that either one of those is preferable for me as opposed to what we're doing now. And so, having said that, I appreciate your support on this bill and will proceed from here and hopefully you can help me out on this. Thank you.